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AND CCPIT

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1. USLO ECON/ COMMERCIAL OFFICERS HOROWITZ AND ROPE PAID INITIAL
CALLS ON COUNTERPARTS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND THE CHINA
COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CCPIT) ON JUNE 18
AND 19.

2. DURING CORDIAL BUT GENERALLY NON- SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION WITH
PENG CHIN- PO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MFT THIRD BUREAU (AND A CANTON FAIR
DEPSEC GEN), USLO OFFICERS RAISED QUESTION OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER
PAI HSIANG- KUO' S FIGURES ON SINO- US TRADE (REF A) AND GAVE OUR
OWN INTERPRETATION (BASED ON REF C). PENG AGREED THAT PAI HAD PRO-
VIDED THE FIGURES CITED, AND INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH USLO' S
INTERPRETATION, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

3. IN FIRST CONTACT WITH CCPIT " RESPONSIBLE PERSON" WANG JU- KUN,
USLO OFFICERS FOUND HIM FRIENDLY, FORTHCOMING AND ANXIOUS TO BE OF
SERVICE TO US BUSINESSMEN AND THE USLO. REFERRING TO THE RECENT
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MEETING BETWEEN CCPIT VICE CHAIRMAN LI CHUAN AND NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
US- CHINA TRADE MEMBER MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL (REF D), WANG SAID THE
TWO
MEN HAD A VERY GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
" APART FROM THESE CONTACTS, WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MANY AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN."

4. IN REPLY TO QUERY , WANG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NCNA' S JUNE 16 LISITING

OF WANG YAO- TING AS CHAIRMAN OF CCPIT (FORMERLY ONLY VICE CHAIRMEN
HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED) REPRESENTED A NEW APPOINTMENT. HE FURTHER
IDENTIFIED THE NEW CHAIRMAN AS THE FORMER DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER
OF
THE CHINA NATIONAL TEXTILES IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION. (A
CANADIAN EMBOFF ADDS THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO WANG TRAVELED ABROAD,
AT LEAST TO LATIN AMERICA, APPARENTLY AS CCPIT MEMBER.)
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